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ஆரம்பிப்பதாலும் ஏழைகள் துன்பம் அனுபவிப்பார்கள் என்ற காரணத்தாலும் இந்த வருஷம் பூராவுக்கும் இதை நீடிக்கவேண்டும் என்று உத்தரவிடுவார்களா ? 500 என்று இருப்பதை ஆயிரத்துக்கும், ஒரு வேளை என்பதை இரண்டு வேளைக்கும் உயர்த்துமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The gruel centre here in the City is not meant for agriculturists but it is meant for weavers, and recently it has been extended to the end of March. The other considerations will be taken into account in course of time.''

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" மலபார் முழு நெசவாளர்களுக்கு 'உதவி செய்வதுபோல் குறிப்பாக மேலப்பாளையம், மற்றும் நெல்லை, பாளையங்கோட்டை முதலிய இடங்களிலுள்ள நெசவாளிகள் மிகவும் மோசமான நிலைமையில் இருப்பதால் அதே ஆதரவை அங்குள்ள மக்களுக்கும் காட்ட முடியுமா என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think Melapalayam is a rural centre. If the hon. Member arranges to subsidise 50 per cent of the cost, the Government will consider the matter.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that the responsibility of the Corporation of Madras is only to diffuse the municipal advantages, facilities and amenities to the residents of the Madras City and in view of the fact that it is not the responsibility of the Corporation to cater the gruel centres for the distressed weavers coming from the mufassal and not from the city of Madras, will the Government at least consider the desirability of subsidising these gruel centres which are run by the Corporation as it is not the responsibility of the Corporation to maintain them? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am really surprised at the colossal ignorance of the hon. Member. (Laughter.) The whole cost is met by the Government.''

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI :—" சென்னை நகரசபை கஞ்சித் தொட்டியில் எவ்வளவு நெசவாளர்களுக்கு கஞ்சி ஊற்றுகிறார்கள் என்பதைச் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—" 500 பேர்களுக்கு என்று ஏற்கனவே பதில் சொல்லி இருக்கிறார்கள்.''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" About 400 or 500, Sir.''

The Manjalar Anicut.

* 371 *Q.*—SRI AIYANAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for the construction of the Manjalar Anicut near Devadanapatty, Periyakulam taluk, Madurai district, and if so, at what stage it stands at present?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is already an anicut across the river at Nagarvalli about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of Devadanapatti. A scheme to construct a reservoir about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile above that anicut was considered a few years ago, but dropped because, apart from its prohibitive cost and poor return, it would affect adversely existing irrigation depending upon the waters of the river."

Grant of compensation to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar.

* 372 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum on 11th August 1953 from the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, Tellicherry, requesting the grant of a life allowance and free medical aid to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, a victim of the Police firing on 11th February 1950 and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir. The case is one where the incident referred to was brought about by the prisoner himself along with others by disorderly and turbulant conduct in prison. Having considered the case, the Government did not see sufficient justification to comply with the request made for the payment of a life allowance and a lump sum grant as suggested."

Grant of compensation to Sri U. N. Narayana Marar.

* 373 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the action taken on the memorandum submitted to Hon. the Chief Minister on 11th August 1953 by the Kottayam Taluk Committee of the Communist Party of India, regarding the grant of compensation, gratuity or allowance to Sri U. V. Narayana Marar of Kuthuparamba, North Malabar, one among the disabled for life in the Salem Jail shooting?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answer to the short notice question No. 372 on the same subject."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the enquiry committee appointed by the Government, presided over by a retired High Court Judge pointed out that there was no justification for continued shooting till the ammunition was exhausted and that excessive force was employed? In the light of the opinion expressed by the special enquiry committee, will the Government come forward at least to see that Sri U. V. Narayana Marar, the unfortunate victim of those incidents, who comes from a very poor family and who is completely bed-ridden, is admitted in the General Hospital, Madras and given some good treatment? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think medical opinion about the person referred to by the hon. Member is that he is not ill. Is it not so? "